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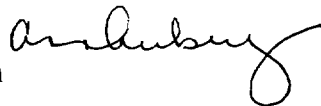
Dear Commissioner Henney,

We are writing to you today about the routine use of antibiotics in animal feed.

The current over-use of antibiotics today is helping to accelerate bacterial immunity to these antibiotics. Part of the problem is that antibiotics are routinely fed to cattle, hogs, and poultry to make them grow faster. That major - and unnecessary - use boosts the odds that bacteria will become immune to antibiotics. And if people who consume this meat happen to get an infection caused by one of these resistant bacteria, there may be little or no chance of successfully treating that infection.

That is why we are asking you to ban the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed. This measure will slow the evolving immunity of bacteria to antibiotics and will also, therefore, provide physicians with a better chance of treating potentially life-threatening bacterial infections in humans.

Thank you for your time,

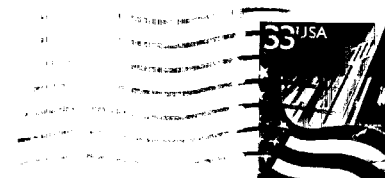
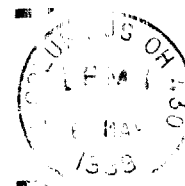


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